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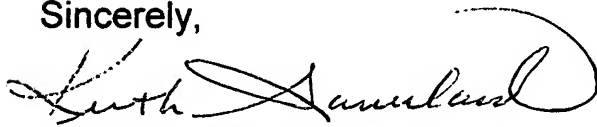
November 20, 2006

Frederick R. Schmidt, Director  
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Dear Mr. Schmidt,

I was under the impression that a petition to make special based on an applicant's health condition, would accelerate the application process. I know that the application has been finalized but I have yet to see that it has been given a patent number. Does the petition only apply when first introduced into the examination? Does it stop there? I would hope that it would continue to be applied to the entire process even after the final payment for issue fee. My health is in jeopardy and expedience is of essence.

Sincerely,

  
Keith Sauerland  
Application Serial No.10/644,111



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Serial No.: 10/644,111  
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For: Cordless Stethoscope for Hazardous  
Material Enviornments

DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to applicants' petition filed January 5, 2005 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(a), based on applicant's health condition.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV with supporting documentation. Therefore the petition is hereby **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Frederick Schmidt by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700, and P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 or by telephone at (571) 272-2975 or by facsimile transmission at (571) 273-8300.

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